

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract of the Disclosure (a clean copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure incorporating the amendments is attached hereto as a separate paper):

A method of constructing a hard suitcase including forming a shaped base portion and a shaped lid portion from a plastics material of such characteristic that the portions retain their intended shape, and attaching to each of ~~said~~ the portions the respective zipped portions of a zip fastener arrangement by a stitching operation involving a securing thread. A further Zip arrangement provided between the Zip arrangement and the lid portion enables increase in the storage volume of the case.